

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 and 19-27 remain in the application for consideration of the Examiner with Claim 18 standing cancelled.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

Claim 18 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kamijima.

The cancellation of this claim obviates the rejection.

Applicants appreciate the indication that Claims 1-17 are allowed.

Furthermore, Applicants appreciate the indication that if Claims 19-27 were rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims these claims would be allowable.

By the instant amendment, Claims 19-27 have been placed in independent form or are dependent from an allowable claim.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

While it is believed that the instant response places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Texas Instruments Incorporated, Account No. 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,



W. Daniel Swayze, Jr.
Attorney for Applicant
Reg. No. 34,478

Texas Instruments Incorporated
P.O. Box 655474, MS 3999
Dallas, TX 75265
(972) 917-5633